

## What We've Accomplished Together



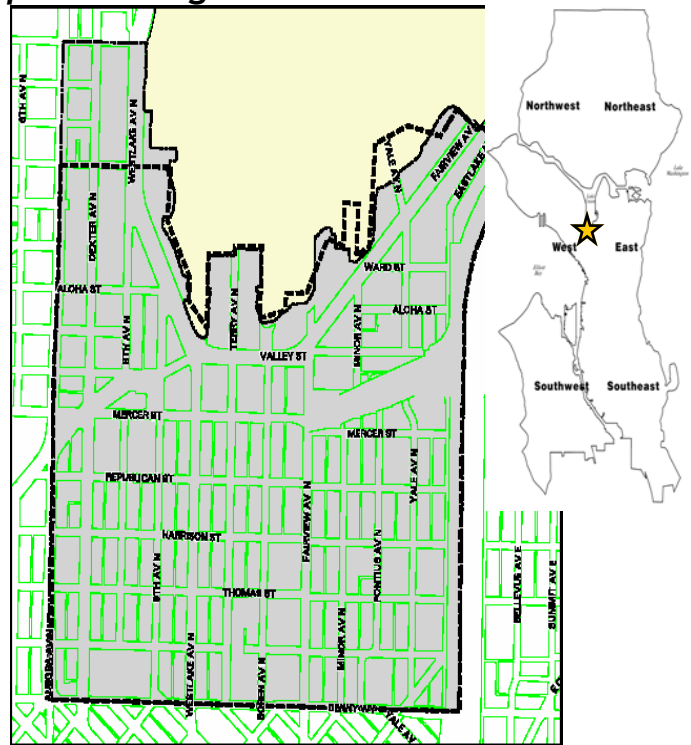
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor  
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**Neighborhood:** South Lake Union

**Plan Adopted:** 1998

### Key Elements:

1. South Lake Union Park Design
2. Mercer/Valley Transportation Plan
3. Neighborhood Design Guidelines



South Lake Union Hub Urban Village  
West Sector

### What happened in 2002

- **South Lake Union Park development** - The Parks and Recreation Department hired a design team to complete a comprehensive design for development of South Lake Union Park. A public workshop on park design was held in November at the Armory Building at South Lake Union Park.
- **Mercer Gateway landscaping** - The Mercer Portal Landscaping Project provided new landscape improvements at the I-5/Mercer Avenue off-ramps. The South Lake Union Friends and Neighbors (SLUFAN) received two Department of Neighborhoods Neighborhood Matching Fund awards, raised over \$50,000 in private contributions, and obtained commitments for hundreds of hours of volunteer labor. A groundbreaking/tree planting event was held in late 2001 and the first phase of landscape improvements were completed in fall 2002.
- **Cascade Playground/P-Patch** - The Department of Parks and Recreation worked with the Cascade Neighborhood to plan future improvements at Cascade Park. The Cascade Neighborhood Council recommended that the community building, Cascade Peoples Center, be retained as a neighborhood center and improved as a model for sustainable building practices.
- **Neighborhood Design Guidelines** - To assure that future development in South Lake Union supports the community's character. A committee of community members worked with the Department of Design, Construction and Land Use (DCLU) to develop South Lake Union supplemental design guidelines for the City of Seattle's Design Review program.

## What's Underway In 2003

- **South Lake Union Park** - Park design developed with participation of Park Advisory Team made up of neighborhood representatives and park advocates. Design near completion. \$5 million in Pro Parks funding has paid for planning and design and will cover initial improvements. The Seattle Parks Foundation will work on raising private contributions to continue implementation of the park plan.
- **Cascade Park** - A new park design plan is scheduled to be completed this year. It will be funded by \$500,000 in Pro Parks money, matched by \$500,000 from private developers. Community members are deciding whether to approve proposed additions to the improvement plan including better park access, extending the park into the neighborhood, and creating an expansive native habitat to unify the park and surrounding neighborhood.
- **Neighborhood Design Guidelines** - Proposed by neighborhood to be on target for adoption by Mayor and City Council this summer.
- **Transportation Improvements** - A study is underway for improvements to the Mercer/Valley transportation corridor, funded by \$575,000 from the sale of the City's "Bay Freeway" properties in 2001. Study proposes transportation modifications, which would ease east-west travel through the neighborhood, reconnect South Lake Union with Seattle Center and neighborhoods to the west, and allow for improved access to South Lake Union Park.

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Cascade People's Center P-Patch

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